



# Southcity Christian School



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Room 6 – Rachel Corban  
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Room 4 – Tracy Hankins

Room 7 – Lindsay Basalyga

Room 8 – Jeanne Gibson

Room 9 – John Talsma and  
Maria McClennan

## **Teacher Aides**

Anna Dobbs

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## **Office**

Lisa Zegwaard

## **Caretaker**

Eion Field

## **8<sup>th</sup> of November 2023. Term 4 Week 5.**

Kia ora e te whanau

We are now in Week 5, and half way through a very busy term. Our teachers have been engaged in testing and collating data on student achievement. We look forward to reporting back against that in your child's school report.

On Monday this coming week we have a Teacher Only Day. Our teachers will be traveling to Waipa for professional development and setting the stage for next year. Please make alternative arrangements for your children as school will be closed on Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> of November.

Last week we had students travel with Mr Popping to BC Chapman College in Rotorua to represent our school in the Christian Schools Speech Competition. Thank you to the following students for representing our School and Christ well; Ivana (Room 1), Abel (Room 1), Tiffany (Room 2) and Mathew (Room 2). We are very proud of you.



**Assembly:** There will be a whole school assembly this Friday, the 10<sup>th</sup> of November. This will be held in Room 9 at 2pm. All are welcome.

Save the Date: 13 December at 7pm

Our Senior School is very busy practicing for our end of year school production. It is going to be an amazing night! Please save the date; Wednesday the 13th of December starting at 7pm sharp at the Central Baptist Church. We will have our prize giving, and then our students will present their production. We are looking forward to celebrating the successes and achievements of our students.

Writing Sample: Room 4 has been comparing Māori Myths and Legends against stories in the Bible. Myths across cultures are used to explain natural phenomenon. We see this when we compare the myth of Maui and Sun with the Biblical Historical Account of God slowing the sun for Joshua.

Our students have been very engaged and have been learning to retell the stories and accounts that they have been learning about. Our students have been integrating Te Reo Māori into their writing.

I would like to share a sample of writing by Kelsi (a year 2 student) in Room 4 with you:

*"Māui taught his brothers how to weave harakeke. Maui put the ropes together to make one big rope. Big enough to trap te Rā, the sun."*

*"Once, a servant called Joshua prayed to God to halt the sun. Joshua had just won the battle of Jericho."*

What wonderful writing, Kelsi!

Māori Parent and Whanau Hui: In our last hui it was discussed that you would like to meet termly. We have selected Wednesday the 29<sup>th</sup> of November at 6pm to meet for an informal korero and kai at Hamilton Lake, Innes Common Playground and Park area. Please bring kai for your whanau and we can all catch up together. Please RSVP to [principal@southcity.school.nz](mailto:principal@southcity.school.nz) to let me know if you are able to attend.

**He aha te kai o te rangatira?  
He Kōrero, he kōrero, he kōrero.**  
What is the food of the leader?  
It is knowledge.  
It is communication.

### Dates to Note

**13 November** – Teacher Only Day. No school for students, please make alternative arrangements.

**13 December** – Prize Giving and Production. This celebration will be held at Central Baptist Church at 7pm. Details will be shared later, and it is expected that all students will attend.

**15 December** – Last Day of School. Southcity will close for our summer holidays. Please note that school will close early on this day – at 12pm. Please arrange to pick up your children promptly as staff will be attending a function.

**25 & 26 January** – The school office will be open from 9am until 12pm for uniform requirements.

**30 January** – first day of school for 2024.

**The Friends of Southcity** are a group of parents who serve the school in a variety of ways. Our focus is on supporting the school and helping to build community. If you would like to find out more, please contact Olga on 027-427-4483 or [southcityfriends@gmail.com](mailto:southcityfriends@gmail.com).

**Praying for Southcity Christian School:** Each week the Friends of Southcity send out an email with prayer points to pray for our school and school community. If you would like to receive the weekly prayer email or if you would like to send in a prayer request (named or anonymous), please let us know via [southcityfriends@gmail.com](mailto:southcityfriends@gmail.com).

**Community Meals:** There are times when the Friends of Southcity organise some meals or baking for a school family if we hear about a need, such as when a family welcomes a new baby. We are needing some more volunteers who are willing to help with this. If you would like to contribute to this ministry by supplying a meal or baking when the need arises, or to find out more information on how this works, please contact Olga on 027-427-4483 or [southcityfriends@gmail.com](mailto:southcityfriends@gmail.com).